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SUBJ: WILLY BRANDT VISITS ATHENS

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1. FORMER FRG CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT VISITED GREECE AS THE OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE GREEK GOVT JUNE 20-24. THE INVITATION WAS EXTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS LAST FALL. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE NEW PRESIDENT AND OTHER GOG OFFICIALS, BRANDT MET WITH LEADING POLITICAL OPPOSITION LEADERS GEORGE MAVROS (CU/NF) AND ANDREAS PAPANDREOU (PASOK). HE ALSO CALLED ON FORMER GREEK PREMIER KANNELOPOULOS. THE EX-CHANCELLOR RECEIVED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE PANTEIOS SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCES AND WAS MADE AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE CITY OF ATHENS.

2. IN VARIOUS PUBLIC REMARKS DURING THE VISIT BRANDT REFERRED TO SUBJECTS OF CURRENT INTEREST IN GREECE SUCH AS CLOSER RELATIONS WITH EUROPE AND THE EC, RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, AND THE CYPRUS QUESTION.

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WITH REFERENCE TO GREECE'S APPLICATION FOR FULL ENTRY

INTO THE EC, BRANDT NOTED
THAT THIS WOULD BE CLARIFIED TOWARD THE END OF THE
WEEK FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.
ON RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, HE SAID THERE SOULD BE
DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND RULED OUT
RE COURSE OF FORCE TO SOLVE EXISTING DIFFERENCES.
BRANDT TOLD FOREIGN NEWSMEN AT A SPECIAL DINNER IN HIS
HONOR THAT THE CYPRUS ISSUE WAS NOT ONLY A MATTER OF
CONCERN TO TURKEY AND GREECE BUT ALSO TO THE WORLD. HE
ADDED THAT SHOULD THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS STRETCH OUT FOR
AN EXTENDED PERIOD, THEN URGENT MEASURES WOULD BE REQUIRED
TO ASSIST THE REFUGEES.

3. SPEAKING ABOUT THE US, BRANDT SAID EUROPE MUST
MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US. HOWEVER, NO MATTER
HOW MUCH EUROPE IS ORGANIZED, ITS SECURITY WILL DEPEND ON
THE OUTCOME OF RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW.
MOREOVER, IN THE PRESENT SITUATION NOTHING CAN REPLACE
NATO.

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